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(c) how long they have been so and when the Government propose to reconstruct them?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information.

Communal representation among the non-gazetted subordinates of the Forest department in the Tinnevelly district.

* 317 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of non-gazetted subordinates in the Forest department in the district of Tinnevelly; and

(b) the number according to the communities to which they belong?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement furnishing information in regard to the Tinnevelly division is appended.[a]

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"Sir, out of 53 forest guards only 4 belong to the depressed classes. Is that small proportion due to the fact that there was not a sufficient number of depressed classes coming forward as applicants?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"I cannot answer that question. It may be one of the reasons. The other reason may be the want of the necessary qualifications."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"I find from the answer to the next question that there were 39 applicants from depressed classes and Indian Christians?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"Yes, Sir. Of these 24 have been appointed."

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Appointment of Indian Christians and the members of the depressed classes to the Forest department in the Tinnevelly district during 1930–35.

* 318 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications were received by the District Forest Officer, Tinnevelly, from 1930 to 1935 for the posts of guards, watchers, etc., from the depressed classes and the Indian Christians; and

(b) how many of the applicants were appointed?

A.—(a) Number of applications from 1930 up to 26th September 1935—

Depressed classes	20
Indian Christians	19
Total ...	39

(b) Twenty-four.

[a] Printed as Appendix XII on page 231 infra.